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1. SUMMARY. AFTER SECRETARY DISCUSSED MATTER WITH
GROMYKO MARCH 28 AND 29, POL COUNS DELIVERED NON-PAPER CONTAINED
IN REFTEL TO MOROKHOV AND ISRAELYAN MARCH 29.
BOTH REACTED CAUTIOUSLY WITHOUT MAKING COMMITMENT
ON SPECIFICS. THEY EACH POINTED OUT POSSIBLE

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PROBLEM AREAS AND NOTED THE NEED FOR MORE DETAILS
ABOUT U.S. APPROACH. MOROKHOV DID NOT SEE MUCH CHANCE
FOR INTIAL REACTIONS BY APRIL 1. END SUMMARY.

2. PHP COUNS DELIVERED COPIES OF REFTEL NON-PAPER TEXT TO I.D.
MOROKHOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR ATOMIC
ENERGY AND V.L. ISRAELYAN, CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION. AFTER LISTENING TO TRANSLATION, MOROKHOV SAID THAT U.S. NON-PAPER WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BEFORE ANY OFFICIAL REACTION COULD BE GIVEN. HOWEVER, INITIALLY AND INFORMALLY HE WOULD SAY THAT IT APPEARED TO HIM TO BE AIMED AT FURTHER LIMITATION OF PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THIS WAS, OF COURSE, SOMETHING THE SOVIET UNION FAVORED. HE HOPED THE U.S. IDEAS WOULD BE ADDRESSED IN LONDON BECAUSE IN HIS OPINION THE NON-PAPER WAS ONLY A GENERAL SCHEME WHICH DESERVED TO BE DEVELOPED AND DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. MOROKHOV WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR SOVIET REACTIONS BY APRCT 1, SINCE THE SUBJECT WAS SO COMPLEX AND THE TIME SO SHORT. HOWEVER HE WOULD TRY.

3. MOROKHOV ALSO NOTED THAT THE U.S. DOCUMENT DID NOT MENTION COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ALL SUPPLY AND THEREFORE HE WIDHED TO "POSE THE QUESTION," OF WHETHER THE U.S. IS IN FAVOR OF CONTROL OF HIGHLY SENSITIVE MATERIALS AND THE FACILITIES FOR PRODUCING SUCH MATERIALS. HE STATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS IN FAVOR OF THIS AND WENT ON TO URGE THAT THE IAEA AND ITS BOARD OF GOVERNORS BE STRENGTHENED AND THAT TYE ROLE IN THE IAEA AND PRESENCE ON THE BOARD OF THE DEPOSITORY STATES NOT BE REDUCED BUT WINCREASED.

4. MFA'S ISRAELYAN COMMENTED CAUTIOUSLY THAT PARAS (E) AND (F) CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE, SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY IN LINE WITH SOVIET POLICY, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY THE TEXT MORE CLOSELY BEFORE COMMENTING IN DEPTH. HE SAID
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HE WOULD TRY TO GET BACK TO US BY APRIL 1.

5. WITH ISRAELYAN WAS HIS DEPUTY, COUNSELOR G.S. STASHEVSKIY, WHO RAISED A QUESTION ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF "AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL-CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM" (PARA E). POL COUNS REPLIED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IN DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT WITH MOROKHOV ON MARCH 28 REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF AN EFFORT TO INVOLVE FUEL IMPORTERS IN DISCUSSIONS WHICH UP UNTIL NOW HAD BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE LONDON SUPPLIERS CLUB. ISRAELYAN RESPONDED THAT LIKE MOROKHOV HE WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY SUGGESTION WHICH WOULD WEAKEN THE LONDON CLUB (VIA DISCUSSIONS AND DISPUTES BETWEEN SUPPLIERS AND IMPORTERS) OR CHANGE ITS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, HE DID SEE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSIDERING A STUDY GROUP OF SOME KIND, ALTHOUGH THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKED INTO CAREFULLY ALSO.

6. COMMENT: BOTH MOROKHOV AND ISRAELYAN WERE CAUTIOUS BUT MADE AN EFFORT TO STRESS THE POSITIVE IN THEIR INITIAL, PERSONAL

REACTIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME POINTING OUT QUESTIONS
AND CONCERNS ABOUT SOME OF THE POINTS IN THE NON-PAPER.
MOROKHOV SEEMED MORE RELUCTANT TO PROMISE INITIAL OFFICIAL
COMMENTS SOON, AS MUCH BECAUSE OF QUESTIONS OF DETAIL
AS BECAUSE OF ANY UNEXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE GENERAL
THRUST OF THE PAPER. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE SOVIET COMMITMENT
TO DEVELOP BREEDER REACTORS DESPITE THE PLUTONIUM RE-
PROCESSING AND RECYCLING PROBLEMS (SEPTTEL), WE DO NOT
THINK THE SOVIETS ARE LIKELY TO REACT VERY POSITIVELY
TO A PAPER WHICH TAKES JUST THE OPPOSITE TACK.
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